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PALMS for CALIFORNIA



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A PARTIAL VIEW OF OUR GROWING FIELDS

INTRODUCTION

The princely Palms and their relatives are making a justly deserved comeback on the California scene due largely to the increasingly important roles they are playing as dramatic landscape subjects. Palm Trees are sought after and pampered in most parts of the world, but here in California, correctly planted, the trees will do their utmost to beautify and enhance any landscape. For most pleasing results in the landscape, Palms and their relatives, should be grouped in different sizes. Using different varieties is another helpful method for producing a better effect. If single specimens are used, they can be given increased emphasis, with subordinate planting of tropical subjects at the base.

It is our desire in this Palm Catalog, to better acquaint the trade with the various varieties that selections may be made from to create desired results in our California Gardens. Never before to our knowledge has a catalog such as this been printed for the benefit of the trade.

Our nurseries and office are always open to visitors. We are always glad to have interested visitors inspect our stock, which will prove that our products are the best that experience, good cultivation and favorable conditions can produce. Your inquiries are invited.

*CHAMAEROPS HUMILIS*

FAN PALMS

Chamaerops humilis. Mediterranean Fan Palm

Here is a palm that is particularly well suited to our modern trend of landscaping. Generally sprouts from the base with several hairy, upcurving stems that will reach a height of 10 to 20 feet. Each stem is surmounted by a cluster of stiff, green, fan-like leaves that are sometimes 2 to 3 feet across. Because of its many trunks and interesting foliage it presents a very picturesque appearance and is equally well suited for accent in the garden or tubbed for porch or patio specimen. Thrives under lawn conditions and grows moderately rapid. Tolerates temperatures down to 20°. Illustrated above.

Erythea armata (*Glaucoschea armata*). Mexican Blue Fan Palm

An attractive variety of fan palm that is particularly well adapted to planting in relatively dry, hot places. Rather slow growing but ultimately attains a height of 15 to 30 feet. The stout, robust trunk is crowned with a compact head of glistening, silvery-blue leaves. The Blue Fan Palm is one of the variety that does not drop its old leaves but allows them to drop down to the trunk to form the skirt effect that is so effective in many landscapes. Another fine feature is its long sprays of attractive flowers that extend from the crown well out past the leaves, arch over, and weep clear to the ground presenting a fountain effect. Hardy to 15°.

*TRACHYCARPUS FORTUNEI***Erythea edulis.** Guadalupe Palm

This fine variety was widely used in California in past years for both street and lawn specimen planting. A native of Guadalupe Island off the coast of Mexico, it is tolerant to extremely hot summer sun and will stand winter cold to 25°. The clean, sturdy trunk is surmounted by a dense cluster of bright green leaves borne on 3-foot stems. The leaf stems are generally not armed with thorns and the leaves drop clean from the trunk eliminating the necessity of having the trunks cleaned every few years. Attains a height of 15 to 30 feet. This variety is suitable for decorative planting in most parts of California except desert areas. It is particularly handsome in the spring when gracefully arching sprays of bloom are beautifully displayed against the bright green leaves. Illustrated on front cover.

Rhapis excelsa (*Rhapis flabelliformis*). Lady Palm

Lady Palm probably received this name because of its diminutive size and slight, graceful form. This variety generally will not exceed 6 to 8 feet in height when growing in open ground and, of course, when grown in tubs is generally much smaller. Small, rigid stems about one inch thick are clothed with attractive small, fan-like leaves which are a bright green color. Because they are dwarf in habit they make fine tubbed plants for either indoor or outdoor use. While they will grow in full sun they generally prefer a shady or semi-shady location and a fairly light soil and frequent, but moderate, feeding. Hardy to 15°.



WASHINGTONIA FILIFERA (Page 6)

Rhapis humilis. Rattan Palm

An oriental plant by origin, this species definitely will add an oriental touch to modern planting. Produces many slender bamboo-like stems which rise to a height of about 12 to 18 feet. Leaves are generally borne near the ends of the canes; however, because the canes are of varying height, the plants take on a bushy appearance. While it will grow in full sun, leaves are apt to burn in extreme summer heat and it is therefore recommended that they be planted in a semi-shady, rather moist, location for best results. Well adapted for growing out of doors, they may also be grown indoors in pots or planter boxes. Hardy to 15°.

Trachycarpus fortunei (*Chamaerops excelsa*). Windmill Palm

A small palm that is becoming increasingly useful for modern planting, used either singly or in groups of varying height. Because of its hardiness, it may be planted over a wide area of California. Will tolerate frost down to 18°. Its slender, hairy trunk, thicker at the top than at the base, is crowned with a neat, compact cluster of fan-like leaves. Attains a height of 15 to 20 feet. An ideal small tree for lining drives, walks, street planting, for planter boxes or, in its younger stages, as a tubbed plant. Since it is so extremely hardy and versatile, we predict it will be used more and more extensively in coming years.



WASHINGTONIA ROBUSTA

Washingtonia filifera. California Fan Palm

May be found growing in its original state around the streams and springs on the borders of the Colorado desert and Southwest Arizona. While it closely resembles the Mexican Fan Palm, *Washingtonia robusta*, it generally does not attain the great height and has a thicker, more sturdy trunk than the latter. Fan-like leaves, bright green, form a globe-like crown. Old leaves drop down to form a dense skirt around the trunk. California Fan Palm is tolerant to drought but grows much more rapidly with an ample supply of water. It will attain a height of 30 to 60 feet. Ideal for street or avenue planting where they will provide a very stately and majestic appearance. May also be used in groups of varying sizes for interesting landscape effect. Hardy to 15°.

Washingtonia robusta. Mexican Fan Palm

No other variety of palm has received more widespread acclaim than this. Tourists coming to California for the first time are awed by the great height and charmed by the gracefully swaying, slender trunks. In past years this variety has been most widely used for street tree planting but the cycle is now changing and we find more and more being planted for accent in both homes and commercial buildings. Modern architects have found them well suited to group planting, usually using plants of varying size to add interest. Grows moderately rapid to 60 to 80 feet. Retains its old leaves to form the petticoat effect. Illustrated. Hardy to 15°.



ARECASTRUM ROMANZOFFIANUM (Cocos Plumosa)

FEATHER PALMS

Arecastrum romanzoffianum (Cocos plumosa). Queen Palm

This variety has also been widely used for street planting in Southern California but is now becoming increasingly popular for group planting to create tropical effects in home gardens, commercial buildings and about pools and parks. Its slender trunk and long arching fronds present a pleasing pattern reminiscent of the palms on a tropical island. Grows moderately rapid to 20 to 30 feet and is hardy, under most conditions, down to 25°. Young trees in a tender growing condition, may freeze at a higher temperature. Should be planted where it will receive an ample supply of water and plenty of sunshine.

Caryota mitis. Fish Tail Palm

A delightful little palm of very graceful habit. Slender trunks very similar to those of the Kentia Palm from which arching fronds spread in an attractive feathery manner. The end of each frond is notched similar to the tail of a fish from which it gets its name. Will grow to 10 to 12 feet tall. Prefers a semi-shady location protected from cold winds and frost. Old plants will tolerate cold down to 25°. Ideal for pots and planter boxes indoors or out.

*COCOS AUSTRALIS***Chamaedorea elegans** (*Neanthebella*)

While most often used for indoor potted plants this variety is also well suited to outdoor planting in semi-shady, protected areas that do not go below 25°, and will add much tropical charm to any planting. Generally provides several slender stems which will grow to 6 feet tall. Leaf fronds are of feathery appearance and deep green in color. Wonderfully suited for planter boxes and tubs.

Chamaedorea graminifolia

One of the most delicately graceful of all the miniature palms, this variety is beautifully adapted for use in planter boxes and tubs. Very slender trunks not exceeding an inch in diameter, will grow to a height of 5 feet and are topped with slender, light green fronds. 25°.

Cocos australis (*Butia capitata*). Pindo Palm

Valued in landscapes for its graceful crown of arching fronds that are an attractive, grey green and its sturdy trunk that has such an interesting pattern formed of the stubs of its old leaf petioles. Pindo Palms are a hardy lot that will tolerate frosts down to 15°, thrive even under our most severe hot spells and survive under prolonged droughts. Rather slow growth, eventually attaining a height between 15 and 20 feet with a spread of about 1/2 to 2/3 its height. This variety has so many good features that it is bound to become more and more prominent in our modern landscape plantings. Particularly effective as a focal point in any setting when combined with other bold foliage plants, also well suited for street and avenue planting. Illustrated.

*CYCAS REVOLUTA****Cycas revoluta*. Sago Palm**

While botanically this is really not a palm it resembles palms so much that it has long been associated with them. It belongs to the Cycadaceae or Cycad family, considered to be nearest the fern-allies. This variety with its sturdy brown trunk and thick crown of deep green, finely divided, fronds has become an extremely popular subject for a multitude of purposes in modern landscaping. As they rarely exceed 10 feet in height, and then only after many years of growth, Sago Palms are used primarily as accent plants where taller planting is not desired and are extremely valuable for planter boxes and tubs where they will grow in very restricted root areas for an extremely long time. Appreciate plenty of moisture and will grow in full sun, or a semi-shady location. Illustrated. 15°.

***Howea belmoreana* (*Kentia belmoreana* K. *Forsteriana*). Paradise Palm**

Probably no other palm variety has been used more for tubbed or potted purposes and no variety is as well suited. Long, fluffy, feathery fronds rise upward from the slender trunk and gently arch over near the end to make an unusually pleasing appearance. While generally used for indoor plants they may be planted out of doors in semi-shady areas that do not drop below 30° and that are sheltered from cold drafts. Plants, under proper environment, out of doors may attain a height of 20 to 25 feet. Paradise Palms are handsome either as single specimens or planted in groups of 2 or 3 and are being used more and more frequently in modern plantings.

*PHOENIX RECLINATA***Phoenix canariensis.** Canary Island Date Palm

Handsome old specimens often 45 to 50 feet tall and with a spread of 30 to 40 feet may be observed in older plantings, however, they are most valued in recent years for their juvenile form which is most attractive and graceful. Long, bright green, arching fronds, often 10 to 15 feet long, rise from sturdy thick trunks to form a most striking accent plant. In placing this variety it is recommended that their great size be considered and that they be planted in smaller areas only with the thought that they will be removed or replaced when they reach a more mature size. Canary Island Palms are very hardy and thrive over a wide area. Not illustrated. 15°.

Phoenix reclinata. Senegal Date Palm

This extremely attractive variety resembles the tender coconut palm of the tropical islands. While they generally branch from the ground to form several upcurving, slender trunks they may be trained to grow with just a single trunk. Graceful bright green fronds provide an attractive crown for each of the slender stems. Grow equally well in either full sun or semi-shade and will tolerate cold down to 20°. Appreciate plenty of moisture. Moderately rapid growth to 15 or 20 feet. Particularly effective for planting near pools or for tropical accent focal points they are being specified by more and more landscape architects. Because they are of an attractive tropical appearance, so hardy, and require so little care and attention, they are being planted extensively about commercial buildings.



PTYCHOSPERMA (Seaforthia) ELEGANS

Phoenix roebeleni. Pygmy Date Palm

Another of the dwarf palms that are so useful in modern planting either as tubbed plants, for planter boxes or as small tropical accent plants. May be grown indoors or out but will not tolerate frost below 20° so should be planted in sheltered locations, preferably in partial shade. Grow slowly to 6 or 8 feet in height. Slender brown trunks are surmounted with a crown of delicate, lacy, arching fronds generally about 3 feet long. More and more modern homes are utilizing planter boxes, both inside and out, and landscape architects find this palm variety ideally suited to this use since they are both decorative and long lasting and do not quickly become too large or rank.

Ptychosperma elegans (Seaforthia elegans). Solitaire Palm, King Palm

Like so many of our really fine plants, this variety is a native of Australia. As its name implies, it is one of our most elegant palms with its clean, tall, slender trunk and long arching fronds of bright green leaves. Whether in its juvenile form or as a matured specimen, it is handsome at every stage. Somewhat resembles the Queen Palm (Page 7) in general appearance but has a more slender trunk and stiffer, broader fronds. Handsome, planted either as a single specimen, to line drives or walks, in groups, or in its juvenile form as a tubbed or planter box plant for either indoor or outdoor use. Will grow in full sun in coastal areas but prefers partial shade inland. Appreciates plenty of moisture and a relatively frost free location (25°). Moderately rapid in growth, it will reach a height of 20 feet.



CORDYLINE (Dracaena) INDIVISA

PALM-LIKE PLANTS

Cordyline indivisa (*Dracaena indivisa*)

Extremely popular 20 to 30 years ago when it was much planted about homes of Spanish architecture, it virtually disappeared for many years. Recently, with the new trend in landscaping for plants of bolder form and outline, it has been newly discovered and much used. A vigorous and fast grower, it will attain a height of 15 to 20 feet. Has a clean, stout trunk surmounted by a rosette-like crown of strap-like leaves 18 to 30 inches long and of an attractive blue-green color. Hardy to 15° and will grow in nearly any soil in either sun or partial shade. Most effective when planted in groups of unequal height and used as striking accent plants to create exciting tropical settings. Mature plants assume unusual forms, often developing several trunks. Pictured above. *Dracaena Draco* and other varieties also available.

Banana. *Musa*.

With their tall slender trunks and big broad flapping leaves, bananas are excellent plants for bold accent planting. Being of rapid growth, often 8 to 10 feet in a single season, they are often used where a quick effect is needed. Will grow in either full sun or partial shade but need ample water and a soil rich in humus to obtain best results. Tender to frost (30°). Two varieties most commonly planted are *Musa sapientum*, the common banana and *Musa ensete*, Abyssinian Banana. The latter variety forms a single stout trunk while the common banana sends up several trunks to make a clump effect.

*STRELITZIA NICOLAI****Strelitzia nicolai.*** Giant Bird of Paradise

At first glance they look like a large clump of banana plants. Slender trunks which will grow up to 30 feet tall are clothed with huge 5 foot leaves of pleasing green color. Older plants often send forth flowers which are similar to the more common *Strelitzia reginae* or Bird of Paradise, but which are several times larger and white with a blue tongue. Everything about this exotic plant is done in a big way including the effect it creates in any tropical planting. May be grown in sun or semi-shade but appreciates ample watering, a soil rich in humus and a frost free location (30°). Because of their massive leaves and form they are very striking accent plants and are frequently used as the major element in tropical plantings.

Yucca brevifolia. Joshua Tree

Everyone who has driven through our vast desert regions and has seen the Joshua Trees silhouetted against the sky has thrilled to their rugged individualism and unique charm. No two ever seem to grow alike and only a supreme being could ever create so many forms. For those who are planting in desert regions, or close to them, the Joshua Tree may be used to dramatic advantage in your landscape scene. Once established they are hardy and will tolerate extremes of both heat and cold with no ill effect, and of course, require hardly any attention. However, like many of our native plants, the Joshua does not take kindly to moving from its native desert habitat and will not do well in coastal areas. Needs good drainage. 0°.



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In addition to the Palms listed in the foregoing part of this catalog Tetley Nurseries have long specialized in the growing of trees to larger sizes than are normally found in nurseries. A large part of our fields is devoted to this end. You are invited to inspect our growing grounds and to personally look over and select the trees and palms that will best suit your individual specifications.

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 Pinus canariensis
 Pinus halepensis
 Magnolia grandiflora
 Pyrus kawakami (Evergreen Pear)
 Podocarpus elongata

Quercus ilex (Holly Oak)
 Quercus agrifolia (Live Oak)
 Schinus terebinthifolia
 (Brazilian Pepper)
 Ficus microphylla
 Ficus retusa
 Pittosporum undulatum
 Podocarpus macrophylla

Many additional, specimen size, varieties also available.

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TREE MOVING AND REMOVAL

The moving of trees, whether little fellows or huge, fully grown specimens, is one of our specialties. We have the modern equipment necessary to handle the job in the most workmanlike manner and to bring the job to its conclusion in the shortest possible time. Along with this our crews are experienced and under the direction of capable men who are thoroughly versed in every aspect of their craft. You may be assured when our craftsmen are brought on the job that your job will receive the individual attention it requires and be brought to a rapid end in a most professional and workmanlike manner. We are completely insured.

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